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List of Experts for the Intervention Protocol

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document relates to the development of a directory of relevant centres of expertise to give advice in relation to marine pollution incidents involving HNS.
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 6.
<i>Related documents:</i>	MEPC 42/2/1, MEPC 42/INF.12, MEPC 43/2 paragraph 5 and MEPC 42/22

Introduction

1 In 1997, a list of individual experts was issued as MEPC/Circular 48 in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties, 1969 and its 1973 Protocol relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Marine Pollution by Substances other than Oil. During the forty-first session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), the circular was deemed obsolete and it was agreed that a new list of experts is required.

2 At its forty-second session, the Committee examined the merit of the approach to have information concerning relevant expertise available by referring to capabilities already existing in Member States, other international organization and/or organization having consultative status with the International Maritime Organization rather than individual experts which is an unsustainable procedure over the long term.

3 Based on paragraph 7.23.3 of MEPC 42/22, the Committee agreed with the proposal of the OPRC Working Group to develop a directory of relevant centres of expertise under the Intervention Protocol covering both oil and hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) and requested the Secretariat to prepare a paper for discussion at MEPC 43.

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4 The Committee may wish to recall that a directory of emergency response centres for chemical incidents was prepared by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as contained in MEPC 42/INF.12 and to take note of similar directories prepared by regional bodies such as the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC). The Secretariat received from the Republic of Croatia an update list of national centres of expertise.

5 Based on the assessment of directories as described in paragraph 4 above, a draft survey form has been prepared to provide baseline information for a directory of relevant centres of expertise, annexed hereto, as a draft MEPC Circular to replace MEPC/Circular 48.

Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is invited to review the draft survey form with the view of its adoption and circulation to the Member States of the Organization and to the Parties to the 1973 Intervention Protocol for the development of a directory of relevant centres of expertise.

ANNEX**DRAFT MEPC CIRCULAR****Draft Survey Form for a
Directory of Relevant Centres of Expertise on Oil and HNS**

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- 3 The Committee agreed in principle with the proposal to develop a directory of relevant centres of expertise under the Intervention Protocol covering both oil and hazardous and noxious substance (HNS) rather than a list of individual experts.
4. This circular is issued to request Member States and Parties to the 1973 Intervention Protocol to provide information on relevant centres of expertise for responding to maritime casualties involving oil pollution and HAS which will be developed into a directory to replace MEPC/Circ.48.

**DRAFT SURVEY FORM FOR A
DIRECTORY OF RELEVANT CENTRES OF EXPERTISE ON OIL AND HAS**

Country: _____

Organization/
Institution/ _____ Acronym _____
Agency

Address _____

Telephone: _____ Country Code _____ Area Code _____
Number _____

IN EMERGENCY:

Telephone: _____

Telefax: _____

Telex: _____

Internet Address: _____

Language: _____

Type of Institution: _____

Working Hours

Local Time: _____

GMT

Fee: _____

Contacts: (1) _____ (2) _____

Designation: _____

Expertise: _____

Direct Access (Phone): _____

Department/Unit: _____

Other conditions, procedures and comments

Travel restrictions:

RESPONSE INFORMATION PROVIDED

Please indicate whether regular clients (R), international clients (I) or both (R/I) are being served. If no information is available, leave it blank.

A. Preparatory Activities

Activities	Offer	Phone	Fax	Telex	Mail	On-line	Referral
Sensitivity mapping - Oil							
Sensitivity mapping - HNS							
Contingency planning - Oil							
Contingency planning - HNS							
Training of personnel - Oil							
Training of personnel - HNS							
International conventions - Oil							
International conventions - HNS							
Risk assessment - Oil							
Risk assessment - HNS							
Risk management - Oil							
Risk management - HNS							

B. Response to Accidents - Operational

Activities	Offer	Phone	Fax	Telex	Mail	On-line	Referral
Firefighting							
Terminal operations							

Underwater operations							
Salvage (general)							
Towage							
Lightering (offloading) - Tanker							
Lightering (offloading) - Chemical carrier							
Wreck refloating							
Activities	Offer	Phone	Fax	Telex	Mail	On-line	Referral
Chemical Spills							
Chemical spill - water							
Chemical spill - air							
Chemical spill - packages							
Recovery of floaters							
Subsea search and recovery (sunkers)							
Treatment - disposal							
Evacuation procedures							
Shoreline decontamination							
Oil Spill							
Containment							
Mechanical recovery							
Dispersants							
Use of other treatment products							
Shoreline clean-up							
Treatment - disposal							
General							
Sampling - analysis							
Surveillance							
Communications							
Public relations							

Overall emergency management							
Emergency medical treatment							

Conditions for Training _____

Conditions for Technical Assistance (Preparatory Activities) _____

Conditions for Operational Response to Accidents _____

C. Response to Accidents - Support

Activities	Offer	Phone	Fax	Telex	Mail	On-line	Referral
Oceanography							
Meteorology							
Properties/fate - Oil							
Properties/fate - HNS							
Packaging and labelling							
Modelling and forecasting							
Impact - Human hazard							
Impact - Environment (global)							
Impact - Wildlife and birds							
Impact - Fisheries							
Impact - Industrial intakes							
Impact - Recreation and tourism							
Impact - Coastal Activities							

Condition of Support for Response to Accidents _____

D. Post-accident Activities

Activities	Offer	Phone	Fax	Telex	Mail	On-line	Referral
Liability and compensation - Oil							
Liability and compensation - HNS							
Accident site restoration - Oil							
Accident site restoration - HNS							
Post spill monitoring - Oil							
Post spill monitoring - HNS							
Preparation of claims - Oil							
Preparation of claims - HNS							

Conditions for Post-accident Support _____

E. Personnel and Support (Trained personnel and strike teams)

Activity	Project Manager	Supervisor	Operator	Strike Team
Oil spill only				
Chemical spill only				
Oil/chemical spill				
Salvage				
Firefighting				
Underwater operations				
Medical				

Condition of Personnel Support including Communication _____

F. Equipment and Products

Item	Oil	HNS	Item	Oil	HNS
Equipment			Vessels		
Cargo transfer			Multipurpose vessel		
Pump			Storage facilities		
Hose			Tanks		
Fender			Vehicle		
Containment and recovery			Non-specialized resources		
Groundwater pumping system			Hand tools		
On-shore response vehicles			Plastic bags/sheets		
Others (specify)					

Conditions of Use of Equipment and Products _____

Explanations

Internet Address	both e-mail and web site addresses
Type of Institution	government, private, academic, etc.
Fee	indicate whether fees are being charged for services offered
Contacts	persons to be contacted directly in case of an incident
Other Conditions, procedures and comments	information that could facilitate contact or access including comments on operation, assistance, etc.
Travel Restrictions	indicate if there are travel restrictions for response staff to some countries including entry of response equipment
Conditions for Training	requirements to be met by a client to avail of the training courses
Conditions for Technical Assistance (Preparatory Activities)	requirements of the centre from its clients before providing technical assistance
Conditions for Operational Response to Accidents	requirements of the centre from its clients in order to be more effective in responding to accidents
Conditions of Support for Response to Accidents	requirements of the centre from its clients in order to be effective in providing the necessary technical support apart from direct response to incidents
Conditions for Post-accident Support	requirements of the centre from its clients in order to be effective in providing support during post-accident situations
Conditions for Personnel Support including Communications	requirements of the centre from its client to allow its staff to travel to the site for response or training purposes including off-site communications
Conditions of Use of Equipment and Products	requirements of the centre from its clients to enable access and use of its equipment and products
